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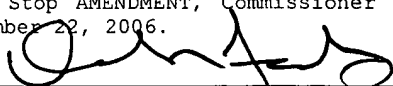
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
APPLICATION NO. 10/648,184



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In re Application of: Datta, et al.
Application No.: 10/648,184
Filing Date: August 25, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1773
Confirmation No.: 5153
Examiner: Hoa T. Le
For: Synthetic Microspheres and Methods of Making Same

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Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a two (2) month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action Mailed July 26, 2006. This request extends the

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original due date of October 26, 2006 two (2) months to December 26, 2006.

Enclosed is the appropriate governmental fee of \$450.00 for a large entity for the extension of time for response within the second month. Please charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-0153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Extension of the response deadline to December 26, 2006 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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